



## George L. Darey Housatonic Valley Wildlife Management Area

Pittsfield, Lenox, Lee 818 Acres

SIZE: This relatively narrow, elongated area is comprised of several parcels

totaling 818 acres of flat, floodplain habitat. Most portions of the area

border or contain various segments of the Housatonic River, and

elevation varies no more than approximately 50 feet.

U.S.G.S. Quads: Pittsfield West, Pittsfield East, Stockbridge, East Lee

**VEGETATION:** The area supports seasonally flooded wooded swamps, shrub swamps,

deep open marshes and shallow open marshes. There are also a number of abandoned fields, which are being invaded to various

degrees by woody shrubs.

**WATER:** The Housatonic River flows through the area from north to south.

There are a number of oxbow ponds and backwaters, including Woods

Pond at the southern end of the area. There are also segments of several tributary streams, including Yokun Brook, stocked trout

water.

WILDLIFE: Stocked pheasant, waterfowl, aquatic furbearers, woodcock, deer, and

numerous nongame species associated with the lowland habitat.

**SPECIAL** 

REGULATIONS: Note that a "hunter orange" hat is required wear for hunters during

the pheasant season. Anglers should note that, due to PCB contamination, a Public Health Advisory has been issued on the consumption of fish from this portion of the Housatonic River.